

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 1992

MAYOR PINKERTON ANNOUNCES THAT
HE WILL NOT BE SEEKING RE-ELECTION

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Mayor Pinkerton announced that he will not run for re-election in the November 3, 1992 General Municipal Election thereby bringing to a close a 20-year career in city politics. In his prepared statement, the Mayor applauded efforts of the various city councils of which he has been a part during his political career, citing many of their accomplishments; praising an outstanding level of service provided by the City's various departments; and acknowledging an efficient City staff and an understanding family for the work he was able to do.

**J. W. PINKERTON, JR. ADDRESS TO THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
7/15/92**

**AFTER FIVE (5) TERMS,
ENCOMPASSING 20 YEARS,
FOUR (4) OF WHICH I
SERVED AS MAYOR. IT'S
TIME FOR ME TO STEP
ASIDE. WE NEED NEW BLOOD,
NEW IDEAS AND AN
UNSELFISH COMMITMENT FROM
OTHERS WHO WISH TO SERVE
THE CITIZENS OF LODI.**

**I LOOK BACK OVER THE LAST
20 YEARS, WITH GREAT
PRIDE, IN THE COLLECTIVE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE
COUNCILS UPON WHICH I WAS
PRIVILEGED TO SERVE.**

**WE NOW HAVE AN UPDATED
GBIERAL PLAN WITH
CONTROLLED GROWTH.
HUTCHIN'S STREET SQUARE
IS NO LONGER AS IDEA, BUT
A REALITY; AN EXAMPLE OF**

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WHAT PRIVATE CITIZENS
WORKING WITH THE CITY
GOVERNMENT CAN
ACCOMPLISH. THE WHITE
SLOUGH SEWER TREATMENT
PLANT HAS BEEN EXPANDED
TO MEET OUR CITY'S EVER
GROWING NEEDS. THE
LIBRARY OCCUPIED ITS NEW
HOME IN 1979. A FEW YEARS
AGO, THIS CARNEGIE FORUM
BECAME A SHOW PLACE FOR
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA.

SINCE I'VE BEEN ON THE
COUNCIL, THE CITY HAS
DEVELOPED THE SERVICES
AND UTILITIES FOR
INDUSTRIAL PARKS; BUILT
NEW, AND EXPANDED OLD,
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.
CLOSED OTHER STREETS AND
HELPED FINANCE A MAJOR
UNDERPASS .

WE HAVE HELPED TO
PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR
BOTH POLICE AND FIRE, AND
ADDED PERSONNEL TO BOTH
DEPARTMENTS TO MEET THE
DEMANDS OF LODI'S
CITIZENS FOR ADEQUATE
SAFETY PROTECTION.

OUR ELECTRICAL UTILITY
DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH
TBB NOW FIRMLY
ESTABLISHED NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA POWER
ASSOCIATION, HAS
CONSISTENTLY HELPED TO
REDUCE THE *COST* OF POWER
FURNISHED TO THE PEOPLE
OF LODI.

OUR PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT, AND
COMMISSION, HAVE WORKED
TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE OUR
CITIZENS WITH SPORTS
ARENAS, FAMILY RECREATION

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FACILITIES AND INDIVIDUAL
ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS,
SECOND TO NONE. OUR USE
OF STORM DRAIN BASINS AS
MULTIPURPOSE PARKS SHOULD
SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR
OTHER CALIFORNIA CITIES.
WE HAVE A WORKING ART'S
COMMISSION AND A
COMMUNITY THAT HAS A
"CELEBRATE AMERICA" MY.

CITY STAFF, WITH THE
BLESSING OF THE
COLLECTIVE COUNCILS THAT
I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO
BE PART OF, HAS PURSUED A
POLICY OF LAND
ACQUISITION FOR THE
CITY'S FUTURE NEEDS.

I HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN IN
AGREEMENT WITH MY FELLOW
COUNCIL MEMBERS, EITHER
PAST OR PRESENT. I AM
SURE THAT THIS HAS

PBRPLBxBD MANY AND HAS
MADE SOME HBHBERS
UNCOMFORTABLE. I
APOLOGIZE FOR BEING BRASH
AND UNTACTFUL AT TIMES,
BUT IN SPITE OF ALL MY
FAULTS, EVERYONE KNOWS
WHERE I STAND. HOWEVER, I
HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY MY
DKSIRB TO HONESTLY AND
EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT ALL
THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUT
ME HERE FOR THE LAST
TWENTY (20) YEARS.

I AM PROUD OF MY SERVICE
TO SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN
THE COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS, THE LOCAL
AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION AND THE LEAGUE
OF CALIFORNIA CITIES.

NO COUNCIL MEMBER COULD
EVER BE SUCCESSFUL

WITHOUT THE BACKING OF
CITY STAFF AND MY FAMILY.

I HAVE ALWAYS RECEIVED
RESPECT FROM THE CITY
MANAGER'S OFFICE. I CAN'T
BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW
IMPORTANT OUR EXTREMELY
EFFICIENT CITY CLERK IS
TO GOOD GOVERNMENT HERE
IN LODI. I THANK YOU ALL
FOR YOUR DEVOTION TO
DUTY.

SOME MAY SAY IT'S ABOUT
TIME THAT THE "OLD WAR
HORSE" HUNG IT UP. WELL,
NOTHING COULD BE FARTHER
FROM THE TRUTH. I PLAN TO
BE AROUND FOR A LONG
TIME. RETIREMENT FROM
PUBLIC SERVICE IS NOT IN
MY VOCABULARY. I WILL
ALWAYS FIND A WAY, GOD
WILLING, TO SERVE MY
COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU ALL So VBRY
MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT
THROUGHOUT ALL THESE
YEARS.